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### PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT TRANSMITTAL

- 1. Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment for this application.
- 2. Submission of Proposed Drawings For Approval by Examiner
- 3. Acknowledgment of Receipt/Return Card.

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Sir:

Please amend the above-identified application as follows:

### IN THE SPECIFICATION

In the specification please remove paragraph 0017 and replace it with the following paragraph:

[0017] FIG. 3 is an elevational schematic representation of an integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10 according to the present invention. Corrugated tubing 14 may be fabricated in a variety of lengths and diameters in order to facilitate varying major appliance applications including cloths-clothes washing machines and dishwashers. Washing machine drain fitting 11 may also be integrated with integrated quick connect tubing assembly 10.

## IN THE CLAIMS:

5. (Amended) A quick connect assembly for use in household cleaning appliances, the household cleaning appliance quick connect assembly comprising: